

CWA is the leading voice for women across the nation embracing and promoting traditional family values.

Twenty years ago, CWA's founder and chairman, Beverly LaHaye, realized a significant number of important voices were going unheard in the massive world of public policy. A hard-working parent and active citizen, she, along with a handful of other dedicated women, recognized that merely standing against issues was inadequate. On this basis, this small group set out to promote positive change. CWA has grown from that handful of women to over half-a-million members nationwide. Now, according to CWA, those who would label themselves feminists can no longer claim to be the one and only voice for all American women.

CWA promotes values and public policies that strengthen women and promote families. The organization empowers its members to turn concern into action by working to preserve, protect, and promote biblical values through education, legislative programs and community involvement. Among other things, CWA staff and grassroots leaders have been called upon to testify before the United States Congress and various state legislatures regarding issues such as the sanctity of human life, education, pornography, religious freedom, national sovereignty and the traditional American family.

On the local level, CWA members are active in defending parental rights and involvement in education, promoting sexual abstinence among teens, and supporting crisis pregnancy centers. They also educate communities on the virtues of respecting all human life and traditional lifestyles.

In 1998, Mrs. Carmen Pate became president of CWA, where she serves as the primary media spokesman and liaison to federal and local elected officials.

Concerned Women for America's legislative department monitors federal legislation and provides a presence on Capitol Hill and internationally on behalf of concerned conservative women. CWA's field department coordinates the organization's grassroots chapters, providing leadership training, resources and issue updates. The broadcast and media department produces the syndicated daily radio talk show, "Beverly LaHaye Today," which is heard weekly by over one million listeners. CWA spokesmen are always available to local and national media to give the conservative woman's perspective on issues affecting the home and the nation. CWA's research and publications department produces a monthly magazine, *Family Voice*, and publishes an array of informative brochures, position papers and booklets.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend Concerned Women for America for twenty outstanding years of dedicated service to the men, women and children of our great nation.

HONORING GIL GARCIA

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 1999*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues an extraor-

dinary man and friend who celebrated his 60th birthday on March 31, Gil Garcia.

Gil has spent his entire life working on and serving the Central Coast of California. His formative years were spent in the Goleta Valley, where he attended elementary and junior high schools; he then went on to graduate from Santa Barbara Catholic High School. After serving four years in the United States Air Force in Oxnard, Gil worked for Arendt, Moser and Grant Architects for fourteen years, where he received his license to practice architecture. In 1976, he founded Garcia Architects, Inc., an architectural firm that continues to thrive today. Garcia Architects has received numerous awards throughout the years, including recognition from the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

In addition to Gil's significant architectural contributions to the City of Santa Barbara and the State of California, Gil has been and will continue to be an effective, innovative and caring councilman and community leader. His work has earned him the Life Time Achievement Award from the Santa Barbara News-Press, Man of the Year Award, and Volunteer of the Year from the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce. He has also been recognized by the Santa Barbara Hispanic Achievement Council.

Mr. Speaker, Gil Garcia's dedication to the people he represents is exemplary and I believe in his vision for our community. I congratulate Gil on his 60th birthday, and I commend him for years of service to the city of Santa Barbara and to our nation.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH  
HONOREES

**HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 1999*

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, as Women's History Month draws to a close today, I rise to salute a woman from my Congressional District in Minnesota who has dedicated most of her life to encouraging all citizens to exercise their right to vote and play an active role in government.

Upon moving to Minneapolis from New York City, Florence Gray joined the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Minneapolis in 1948 to get more involved in her new community. The LWV of Minneapolis is a non-partisan organization which works to influence public policy through education and advocacy, providing election-related services, and sponsoring various educational forums and projects. In 1948, Gray helped create a new unit of the LWV along with a group of friends—many of them other young mothers like herself—and served as its chairperson. As the years passed, her leadership positions accumulated. During the 1960s, she was elected to the Minneapolis LWV Board as Treasurer, then became Vice President, then led the group as President from 1963 to 1965. She also served as the Minnesota vice president of the LWV.

After years of public service in the League of Women Voters, Gray went back to college in 1968 to complete her bachelor's and mas-

ter's degrees at the University of Minnesota. In 1974, she was appointed Associate Director of the Epilepsy Research Center of the University of Minnesota's Neurology Department. After 17 years with the Center, she "retired," though she continued to serve as a part-time consultant for the Epilepsy Program. During this time, she rededicated herself to the LWV, heading the LWV of Minneapolis' 75th Anniversary Planning Committee. In 1994, she was presented with the LWV's esteemed Bess Mlnarik Award for her years of tireless efforts serving on the LWV.

One of Florence Gray's fellow LWV members once described her as "hard working, dedicated, tenacious, resilient, witty, wise, and wonderful. She has long since earned whatever honors we can give her." It is indeed fitting to salute Florence Gray for her lifetime of community service.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Florence Gray in celebration of Women's History Month. I thank her for her contributions to both the state of Minnesota and to our country, and I wish her continued successes in the future.

IN MEMORY OF JOYCE CHIANG

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 1999*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues to mourn the loss of Immigration and Naturalization Service attorney Joyce Chiang.

Ms. Chiang was a bright young woman who was of uncompromising service to my staff on issues concerning immigration law. My staff spoke highly of Ms. Chiang, who was a knowledgeable representative of the agency, who confidently and concisely explained the intricacies of the 1996 immigration law. My district office was fortunate to benefit Ms. Chiang's expertise on implementation of the new law, as she fulfilled her trial-attorney training in the San Francisco INS office.

I am saddened by the questions concerning her death as we mourn the loss of this bright young woman and fine public servant.

RAIDERS TAKE CURTIN CALL

**HON. BRUCE F. VENTO**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 1999*

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD this article from the February 21, 1999 edition of the St. Paul Pioneer Press which recounts the exciting victory of Roseville High School's girls hockey team. Impressively, this is Roseville's second state championship title in four years. Amazingly enough, they have only had a women's hockey program for four years. This is yet another example of the young people in the Fourth District of Minnesota accomplishing many special goals.

The coach of this mighty team, Rich Kuehne, will be departing now that the season is over. After 33 years of coaching hockey, including four years with Roseville's girls hockey